



# FEMA

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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, September 02,  
2015

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Hazards: No significant weather impacts  
expected**

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# Key Points



## Wednesday - Sunday

- Isolated to scattered storms possible each day, mainly across New Mexico as well as the TX/LA Coasts
  - Severe weather and/or flooding is not expected

## Tropical Outlook

- Tropical Storm Fred has begun to weaken and will continue to do so through the end of the week and may dissipate by the weekend
- Not expected to impact FEMA 6

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Sep 2, 2015 - Sep 6, 2015

DAY/ THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Heat					
Tropical					
Fire					

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*We continue to welcome feedback on our new color scale (details in the next slide). Please send comments to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov).*

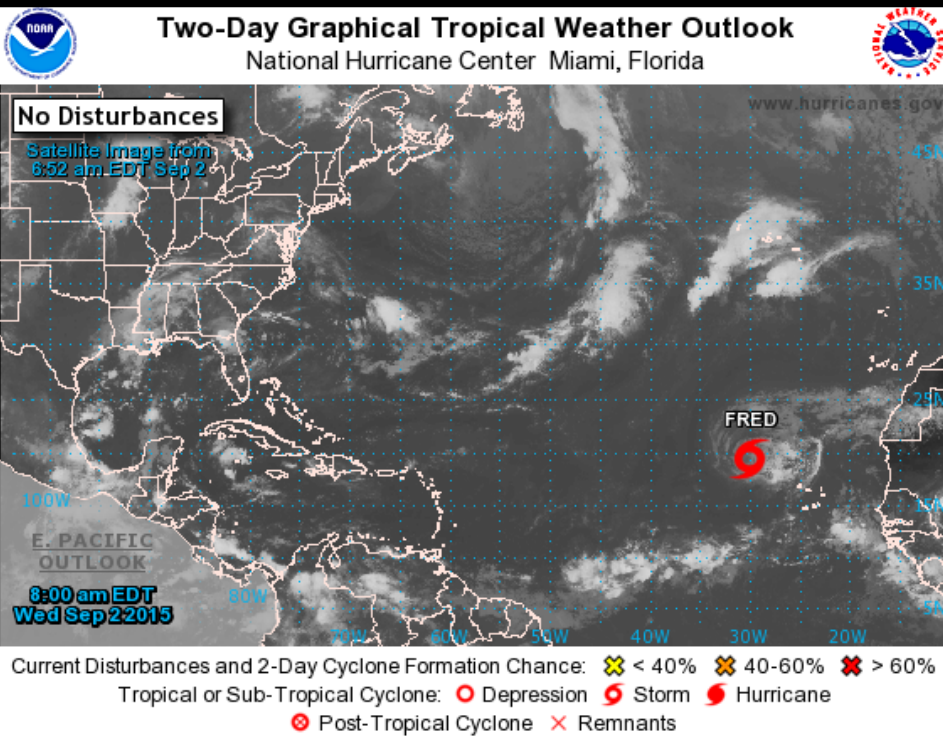


# The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov).

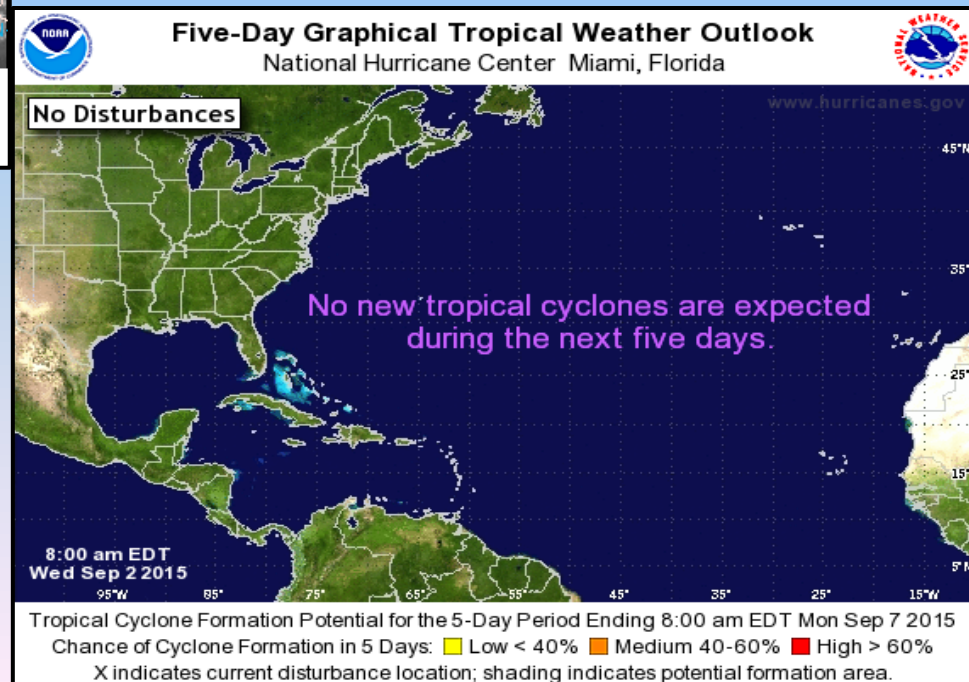


Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

# Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook

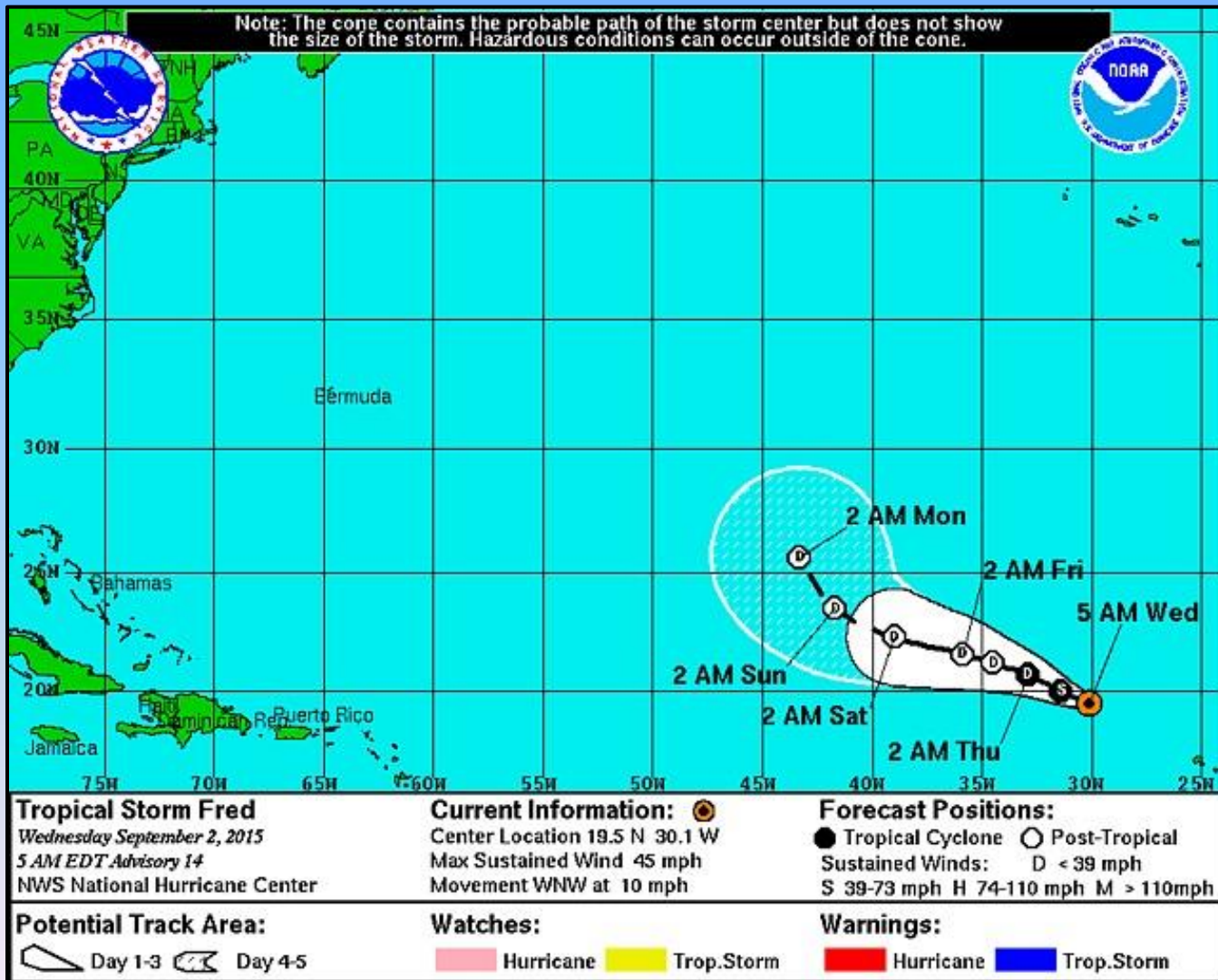


See next slide for information on Tropical Storm Fred



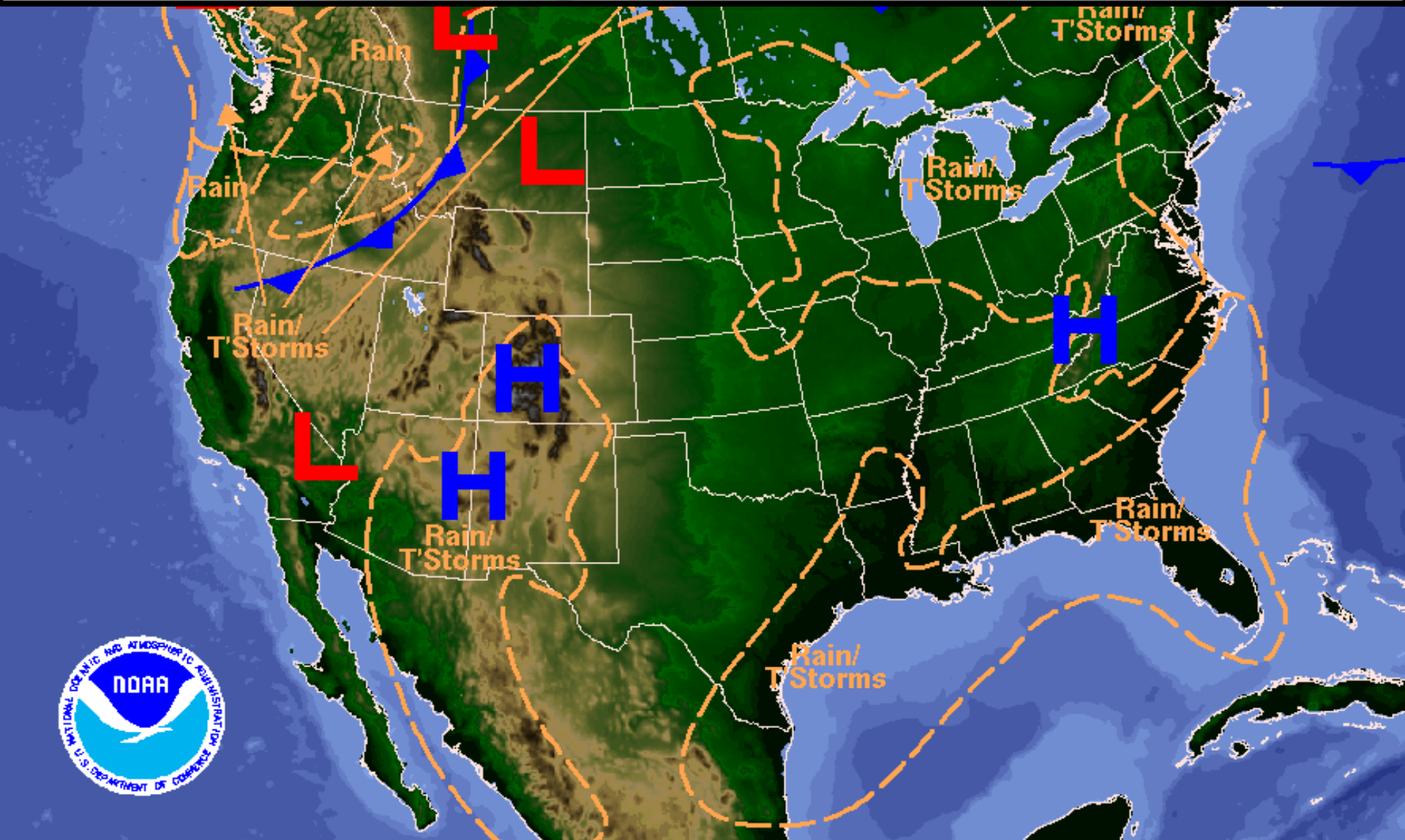


# Tropical Storm Fred



- Tropical Storm Fred has already begun to weaken and will continue to do so for the remainder of the week
- Not expected to impact FEMA 6

# Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Wed, Sep 02, 2015, issued 4:31 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Oravec based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

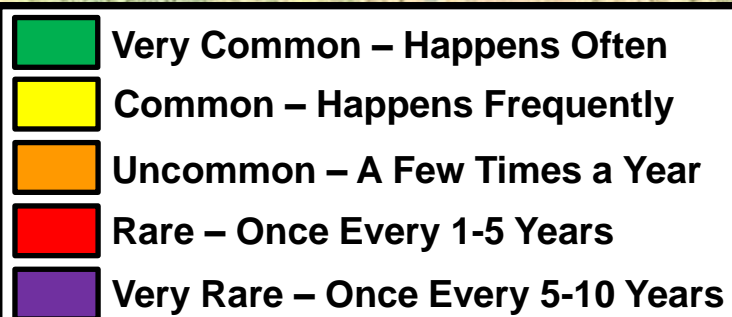


# Day 1 Weather Hazards

*Valid: 0800 Wed - 0800 Thu*



**No Significant Weather  
Impacts Expected**



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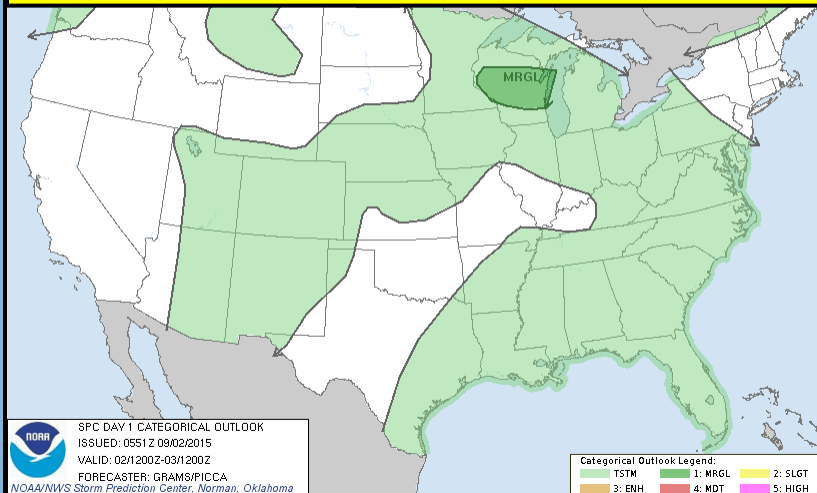


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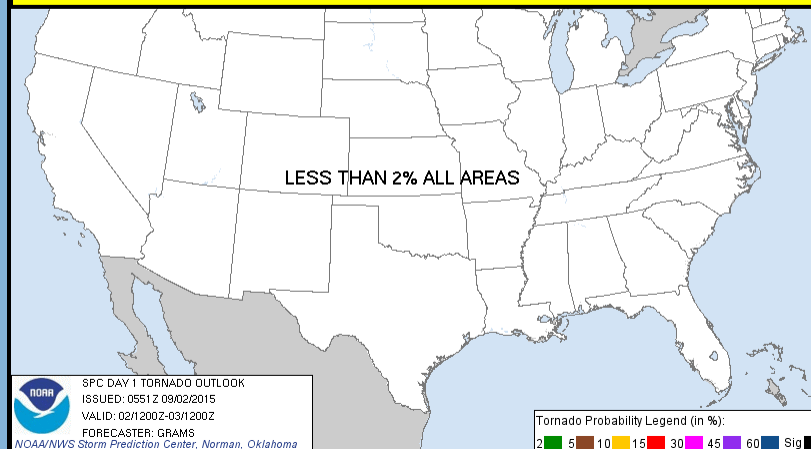


## Severe Thunderstorm Potential

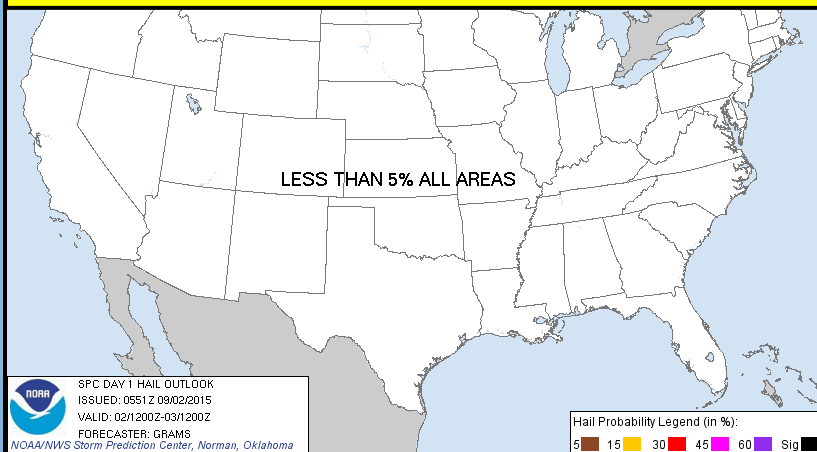
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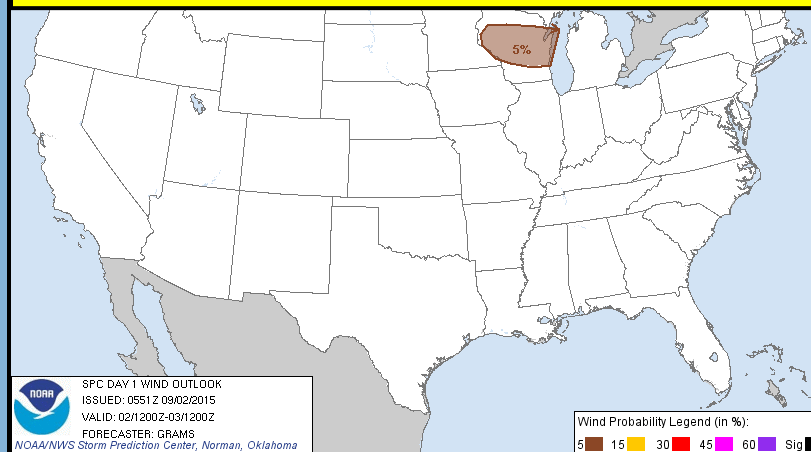
### Probability of Tornado within 25 miles of a point



### Probability of Damaging Hail within 25 miles of a point



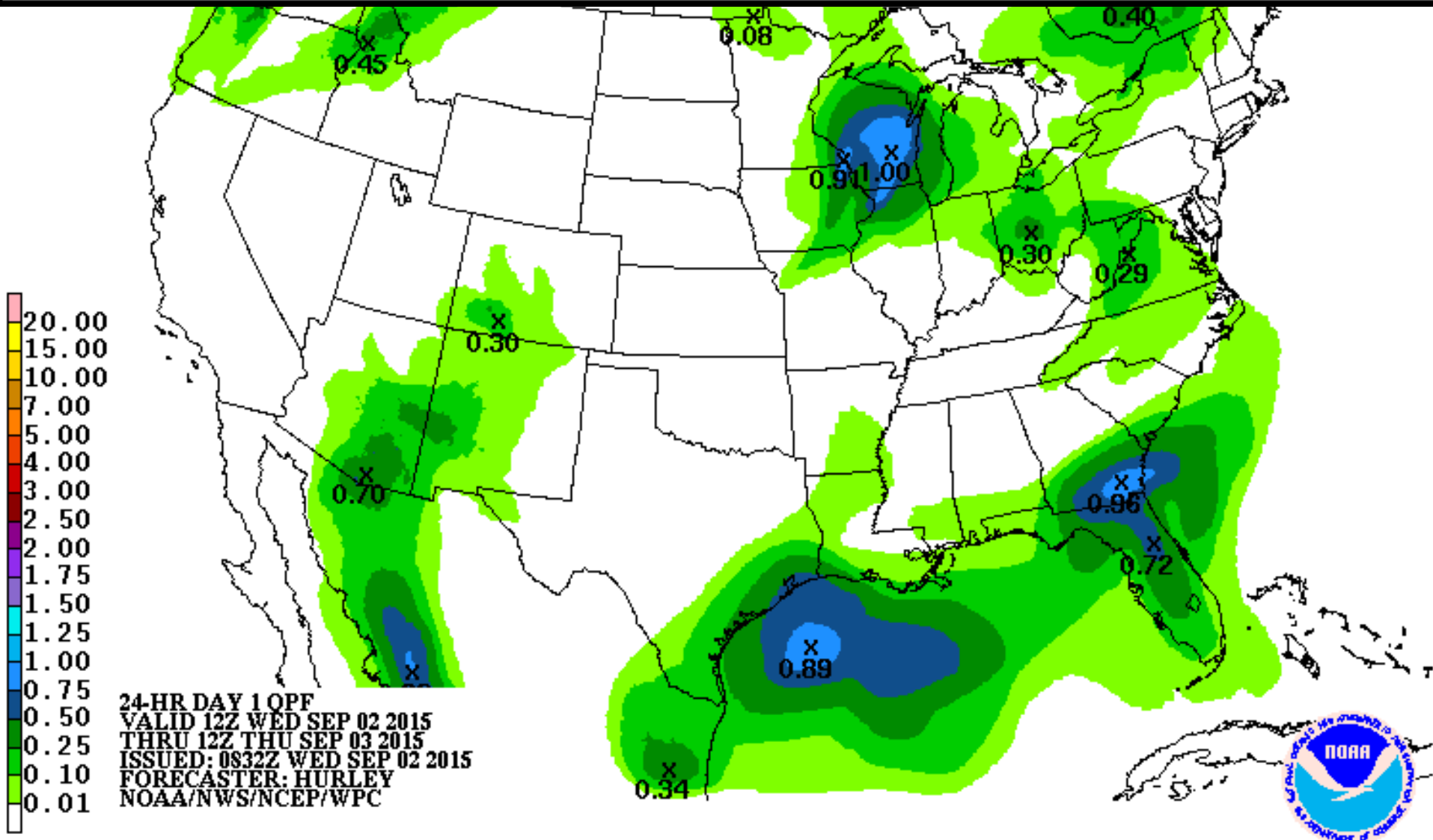
### Probability of Damaging Winds within 25 miles of a point



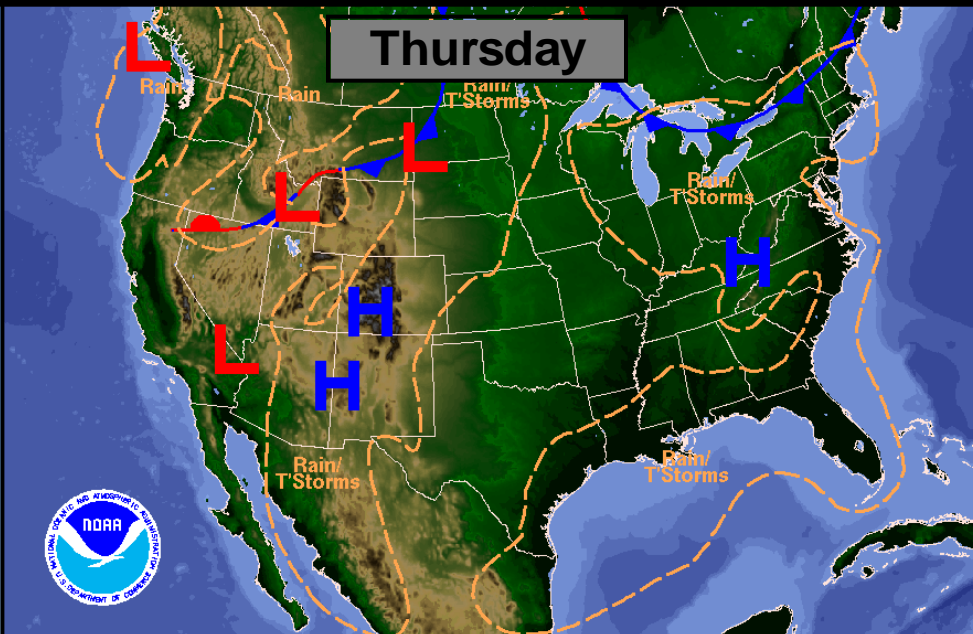
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# Today's Precipitation

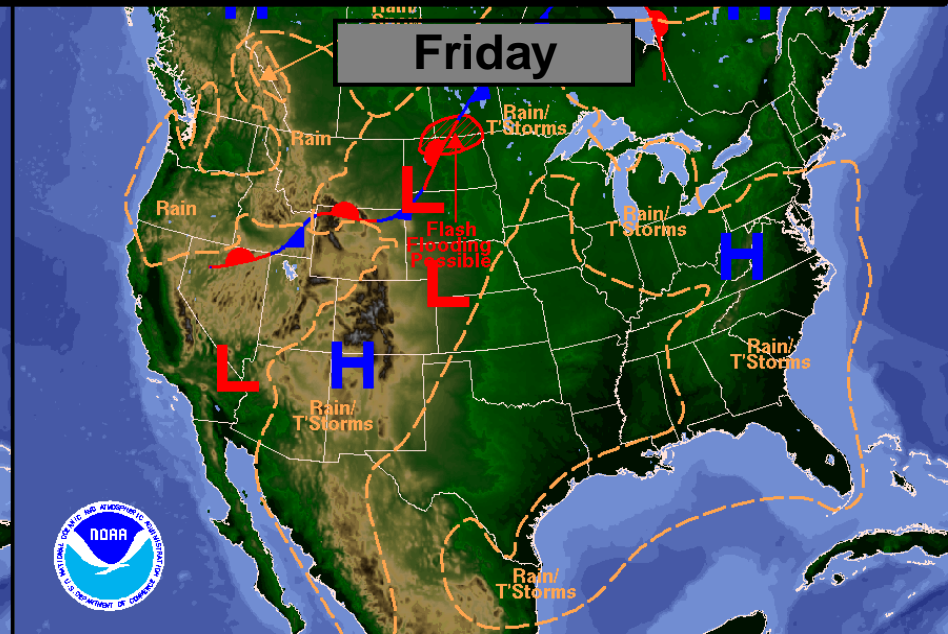
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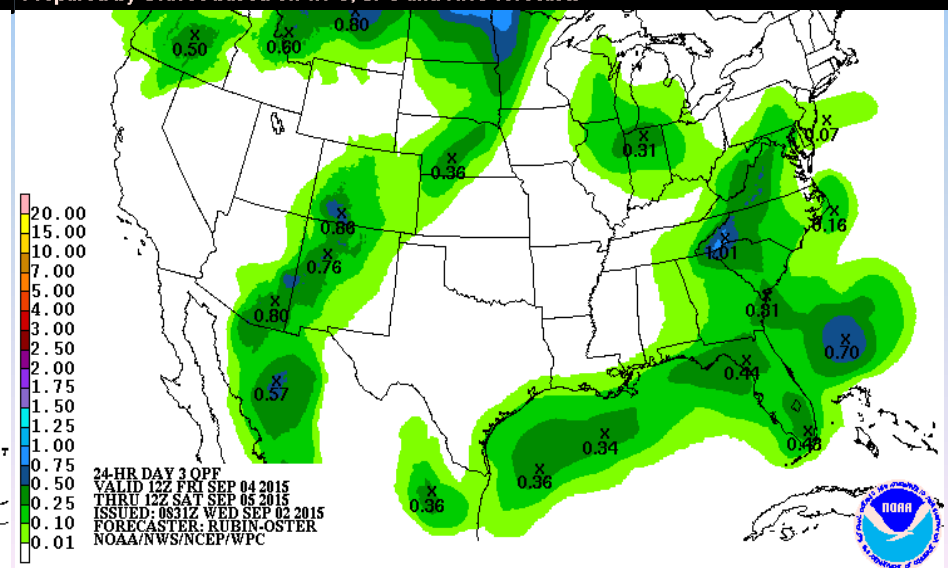
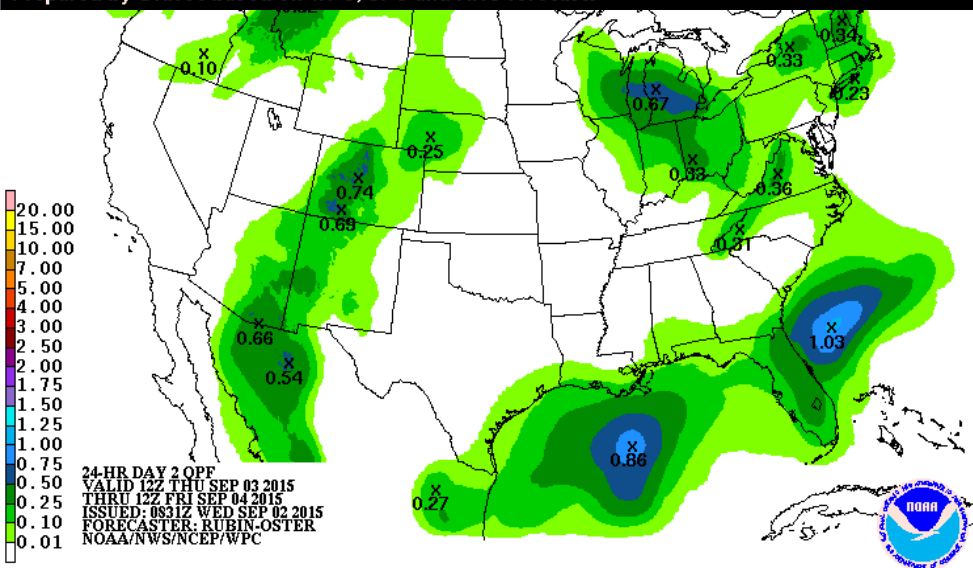
# Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 03, 2015, issued 4:34 AM EDT Wed, Sep 02, 2015  
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
 Prepared by Oravec based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 04, 2015, issued 4:37 AM EDT Wed, Sep 02, 2015  
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
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# Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



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# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



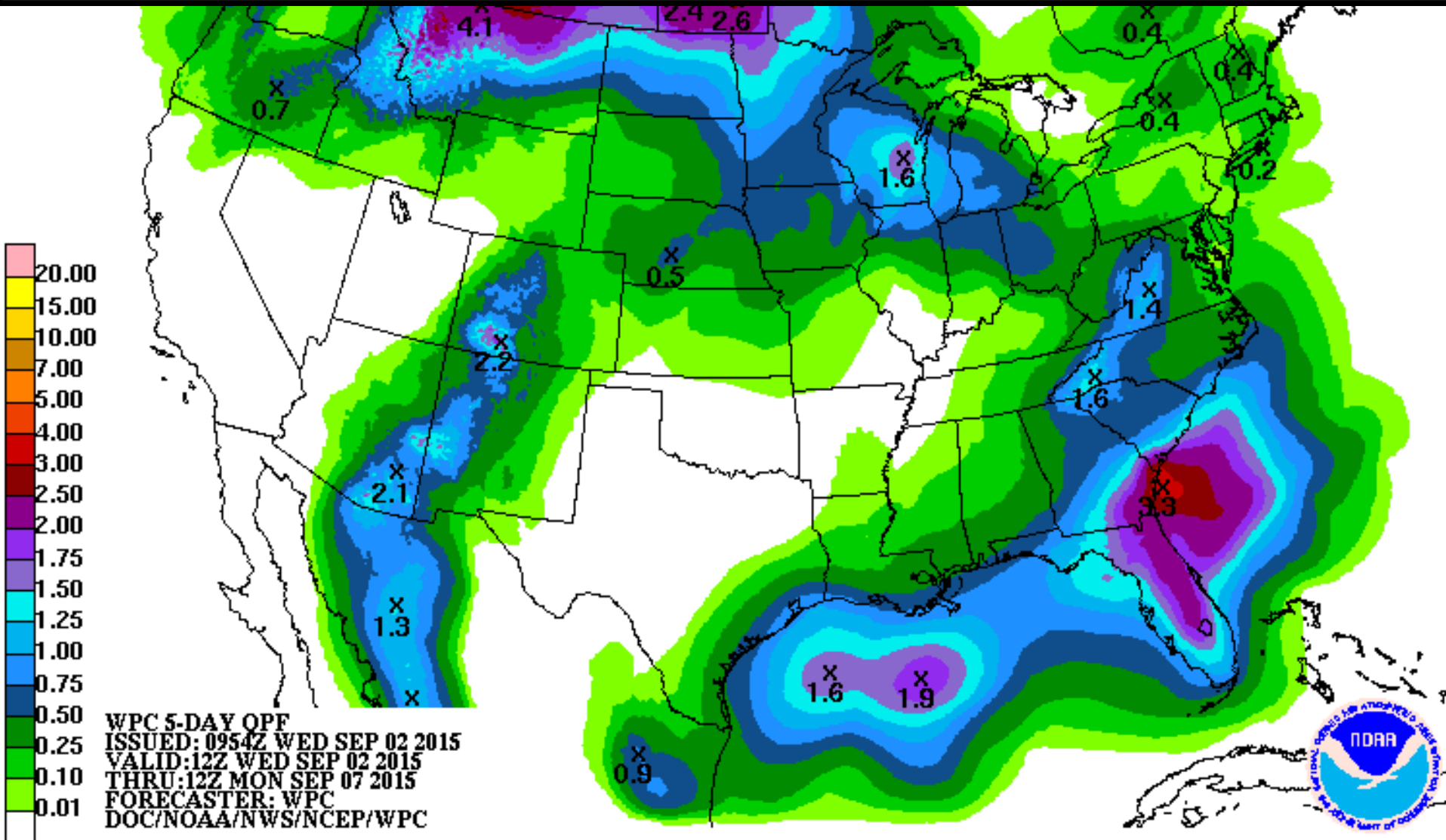
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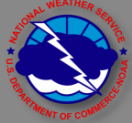
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# 5-Day Precipitation

## Wed AM - Mon AM

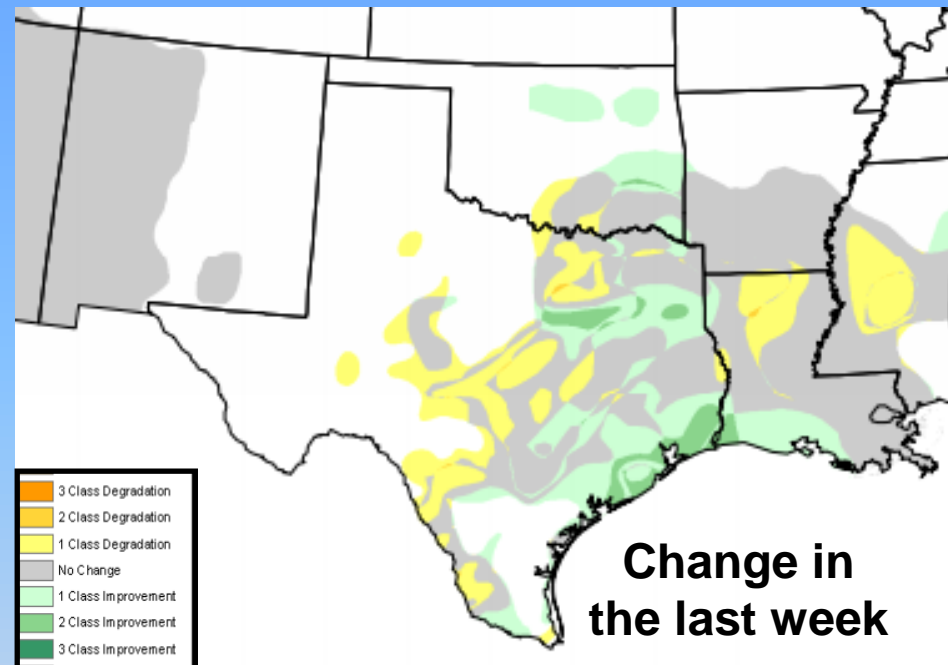
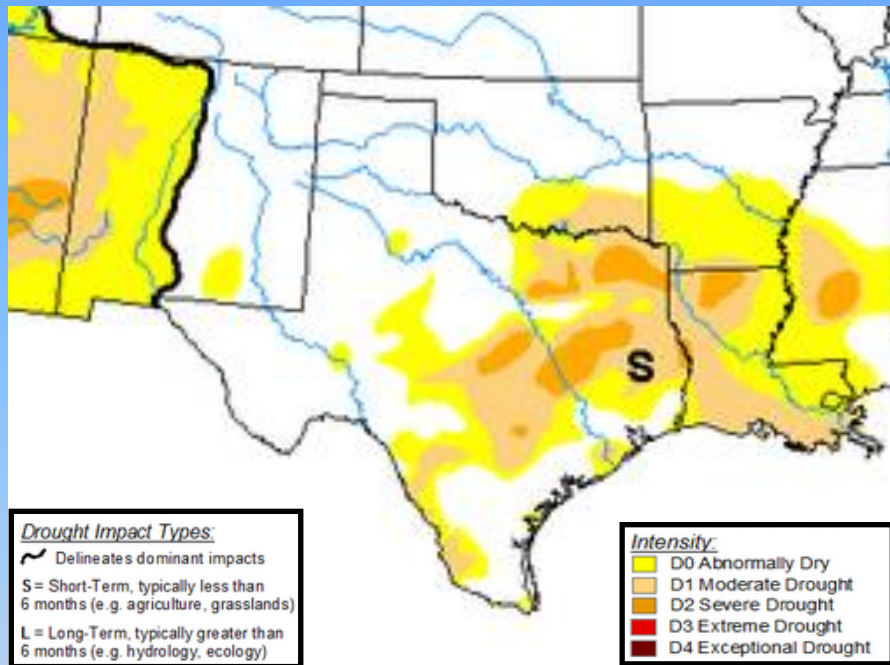






# Drought Monitor Released Aug 27th, 2015

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday Aug 25th, 2015



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.75%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.23%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.39%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

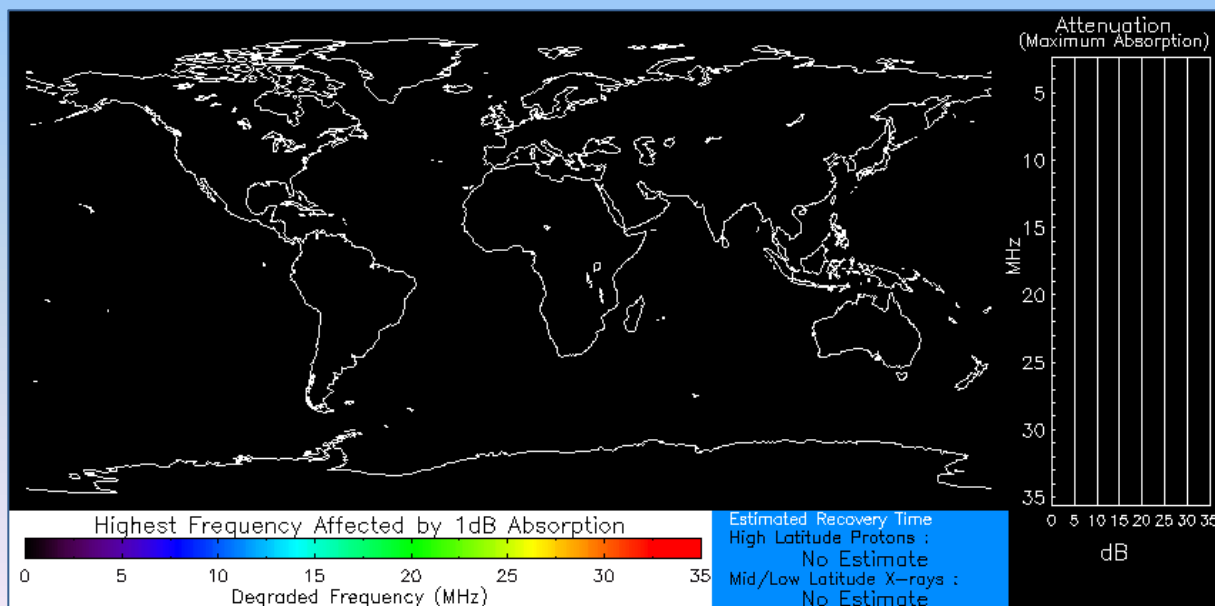
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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